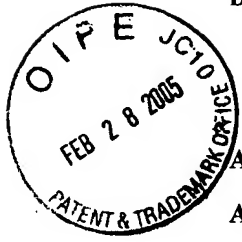


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2004 and accompanies a petition for a two-month extension of time. With the extension, this response is due by February 28, 2005 (February 26, 2005 occurring on a Saturday). Check No. 20139 in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the corresponding extension fee. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks below.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2 and include replacement sheets, attached hereto

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 13.